

REMARKS

Indication that claims 3, 12-21 are allowed is appreciated. Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's indication that claim 10 comprises allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,872,047, issued to *Lee et al.*

In this Response, claim 1 is amended. Claims 9 and 10 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-7 and 11-21 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and remarks made herein.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Lee et al.*, for the reasons set forth on pages 2-4 of the Office Action.

In this Response, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of canceled claims 9 and 10. Since the Office Action indicates that claim 10 comprises allowable subject matter, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

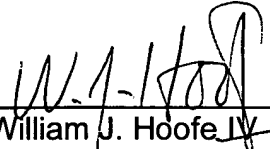
Applicants respectfully submit that inasmuch as claims 2, 4-7 and 11 are dependent on claim 1, and claim 1 is patentable and non-obvious over the cited reference, claims 2, 4-7 and 11 are patentable as dependent on a patentable independent claim. Withdrawal of the instant rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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